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WIDER RURAL USE OF ELECTRICITY

Interest in rural electrification is growing in many States, _____ reports. Those that are within
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range of TVA operations have been taking advantage of the extension of rural lines and the opportunity to get low-priced equipment on easy terms of payment. The TVA has sent out traveling kitchens to demonstrate the correct use of various pieces of equipment such as the electric range, the washing machine, and the electric refrigerator.

The New York State extension service has been carrying on a campaign for better lighting, which includes demonstrations of correctly placed lamps and lighting fixtures. In Arkansas one of the first uses of electricity reported is to pump water into the farmhouse. The electric iron is reported as a boon to housewives everywhere. Maryland and several other States have issued careful instructions on the care and repair of cords for irons, waffle-irons, toasters, lamps, and other electric equipment.

California home demonstration agents have stressed fire prevention in connection with the use of electricity. The points brought out in the demonstrations in one county included the care and use of appliance cords; fuses and their use; cost of operating different appliances, particularly stoves and refrigerators; how to read meters.

Women in home demonstration groups of one Illinois county put on a tour of electrified kitchens. One woman visited said: "It means everything

to have electricity. I just can't tell how much it helps. I do all my own work and we have three small boys. We use power for at least 19 things: Lights, four extra lamps, washer, ironer, hot-plate, cleaner, sewing machine, fan, pump, refrigerator, feed elevator, milker, separator, battery charger, bell for rising, fan for heating in winter, radio, heater for bathroom, and a toaster."

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